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Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled STABLE  
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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence such consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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